

DETAILED ACTION

1. Claims 1-5 and 7-22 are pending in this application.

Examiner's Amendment

2. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

This examiner's amendment was communicated in a telephone interview with Derek Benke (Reg. 56944) on March 25, 2011.

The claims have been amended as follows:

Claim 1 (Currently Amended) A communication apparatus that retrieves contents and transmits the retrieved contents, comprising:

a processor;

reception means for receiving a retrieval keyword, used to request contents, transmitted from an external device;

retrieval means for retrieving contents from a database based on the retrieval keyword received by the reception means;

page information generation means for generating page information, including list information of the contents retrieved by the retrieval means, to be displayed on a display unit of the external device, and appending and displaying on the display unit, at a position adjacent to corresponding list information of contents, notification information that is an icon or text information ~~respectively to the page information~~ that displays on the display unit and indicates to a user whether or not the ~~page information~~ corresponding list information of contents is provided with a consecutive reproduction function ~~of making that makes~~ the external device consecutively play audibly and/or visually the retrieved contents in the corresponding list information; wherein

the page information generation means appends identification information that indicates whether or not the page information is provided with the consecutive reproduction function to the page information, and makes the external device display a notification indication corresponding to the identification information; and

transmission means for transmitting the page information generated by the page information generation means to the external device.

Claim 6: (Cancelled)

In Claim 8, line 9:

retrieved contents in the list information, respectively to the page information;
wherein

generating the page information includes appending identification information that indicates whether or not the page information is provided with the consecutive reproduction function to the page information, and makes the external device display a notification indication corresponding to the identification information;

In Claim 9, 13:

received contents in the list information, respectively to the page information;
wherein

generating the page information includes appending identification information that indicates whether or not the page information is provided with the consecutive reproduction function to the page information, and makes the external device display a notification indication corresponding to the identification information;

In Claim 10, line 10:

information requesting the list information; wherein
a page information generation means appends identification information that indicates whether or not the page information is provided with the consecutive

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reproduction function to the page information, and makes the external device display a notification indication corresponding to the identification information;

In Claim 17, line 8:

external device in answer to the request information requesting the list information;

wherein

a page information generation means appends identification information that indicates whether or not the page information is provided with the consecutive reproduction function to the page information, and makes the external device display a notification indication corresponding to the identification information;

In Claim 18, line 10:

external device in answer to the request information requesting the list information;

wherein

a page information generation means appends identification information that indicates whether or not the page information is provided with the consecutive reproduction function to the page information, and makes the external device display a notification indication corresponding to the identification information;

In claim 19, line 13:

information; ~~and wherein~~

the page information generation unit appends identification information that indicates whether or not the page information is provided with the consecutive reproduction function to the page information, and makes the external device display a notification indication corresponding to the identification information;

Allowable Subject matter

3. Claims 1-5, 7-22 are allowed.

The examiner deems claims 1-5, 7-22 as novel when viewed as a whole for the limitations of communication apparatus, communication method and communication program.

The closest prior art of record, Kikuchi discloses, a communication apparatus that retrieves contents and transmits the received contents comprising: A processor (Kikuchi: [0089], CPU); reception means for receiving a retrieval keyword used to request contents from an external device (Kikuchi: [0085], lines 18-22, keywords are being retrieved; [0086], lines 1-4, retrieves necessary data); retrieval means for retrieving contents from a database based on the retrieval keyword received by the reception means (Kikuchi: [0085], lines 18-22); page information generation means for generating page information including list information of contents retrieved by the

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retrieval means to be displayed on the external device (Kikuchi: abs., lines 1-2, user accesses distribution server for the content item by operating a client terminal), and transmission means for transmitting the page information generated by the page information generation means to the external device (Kikuchi: abs., lines 2-3; [0013], lines 1-11, downloading the content item to be distributed to the portable terminal).

However, the prior art of record fails to anticipate or render obvious the recited feature of the limitations cited above added with wherein the page information generation means appends identification information that indicates whether or not the page information is provided with the consecutive reproduction function to the page information, and makes the external device display a notification indication corresponding to the identification information;

These features, together with the other limitations of the independent claims are novel and non-obvious over the prior art of record. The dependent claims being definite, enabled by the specification, and further limiting to the independent claims, are also allowable.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance".

Conclusion

4. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to FAZLUL QUADER whose telephone number is (571)270-1905. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F 8-5 Alternate Fridays off.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Charles Rones can be reached on 571-272-4085. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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